Mr. A. B. Salem.—Whether any advertisement was made to ascertain this ?

President.—He has already answered that question. He could not get any body from the Cochin State.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If there is any body like that, surely I would have known out of my experience of medical administration for the last seven years.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sub-division (4). Do these lepers require more self-sacrifice than typhoid patients, pneumonia patients or any such dire diseased persons.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—O yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What are the difficulties ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If you put a specific question I shall answer.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The answer to my question is, it will be managed on non-sectarian lines.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—That is not the only answer. Please read further.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I ask what are the difficulties. Evidently there are no difficulties.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The difficulty is to find self-sacrificing men.

24. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Leper Asylum has already been handed over to the Salvation Army ;

(b) if so, under what terms;

(c) will a copy of the agreement, if any, be placed on the table?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) No.

(b) and (c). The terms and agreement have not been finally fixed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it finally decided to hand over the management to the Salvation Army ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes. It has been announced in the last Council.

Members.—No, no.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it already settled?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is already settled.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the delay due to ? Is it because the actual building is not complete, because the whole amount is not spent ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes. Improvements have to be effected.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How much money more has to be spent for that ?

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